

## BASTILLE DAY



## French Fight Nazis in Streets, Women Join

### FDR Tells France-- 'Will Be Free Soon'

WASHINGTON, July 13 (UP).—President Roosevelt, in a Bastille Day message short-waved to the people of France tonight, expressed hope that they "may soon enjoy the blessings of liberty, equality and fraternity"—won 163 years ago in the French revolution and lost two years ago to Hitler.

The message, issued on request of the New York French language newspaper La Victoire, gave Mr. Roosevelt an opportunity once again to buoy up the spirits of freedom-loving Frenchmen and to strike a new blow in psychological warfare against the axis.

"On this anniversary which has so deep a significance to every lover of democracy," he said, "I express the hope that the people of France may soon enjoy the blessings of liberty, equality and fraternity."

He spoke while thousands of American troops were poised for an eventual second-front offensive against Hitler and while this government negotiated with the pro-German French Government at Vichy for the disposition of seven French warships at Alexandria, Egypt, menaced by German Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's drive from the west.

The United States and Great Britain are said reliably to be in accord that the vessels will never be allowed to fall into German hands—even if they have to sink them.

Mr. Roosevelt's message was addressed to the French people themselves, a method the administration has used frequently to express its dislike of the Vichy regime.

The women of France are fighting against the Nazi invaders. Bastille Day finds them clashing with the Hitlerites in the streets, according to Inter-Continental News dispatches. In the working class sections of Paris the women are taking their place in the revolt to join forces with the second front of American and British forces to sweep out the Hitlerite invaders.

The Nazis have evacuated Germans to Paris from the cities bombed by the RAF. By issuing the Germans higher ration cards than the French women to share the meager rations of their children and families with the Germans. The French women have answered these starvation measures with bitter protests that have resulted in open street clashes in the Faubourg St. Antoine, and in the working class suburbs of St. Denis, Gentilly, Aulnay sous Bois, and Poincaré.

While the women of France take up the fight against the invaders the sabotage campaign against the Nazis grows. The German high command has itself admitted that

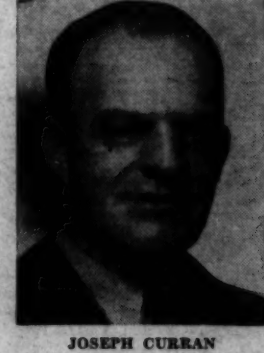
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## Curran, Back From Britain, Says People Impatient for 2nd Front

The rank and file of the British people want the second front now, Joseph Curran, President of the National Maritime Union declared yesterday at a press interview, the first since his return from the maritime conference of the International Labor Office at London.

Curran who has spoken to many of Britain's outstanding labor leaders and men in responsible government positions, will make his first public appearance on July 22, 6 P.M. at the gigantic Madison Square Park second front rally called by the Greater New York Council of the CIO.

"What impresses a visitor more than anything else," said Curran, "is the tremendous number of soldiers of all nationalities you see in England. They'll be standing on each other's shoulders soon. The men are there—four millions I am told—and the ships are being built. It's plain that everybody is set for the second front, but for some unaccountable reason it's being held up."



JOSEPH CURRAN

### PEOPLE WANT ACTION

Questioned on second front prospects, Curran said that "some of the people on top are confused—they want it, but they argue that perhaps it wouldn't be safe."

"But the rank and file—they want it now!" he said with special emphasis. "Ask them how they feel about Russia and they point to the sky and say 'that sun is not darkened by planes because of Russia. They are bearing the burden now and we ought to be helping them with a second front.'"

Curran arrived in England after the fall of Tobruk. The people, he said, are fed up with fighting a defensive war. Their support for Churchill continues, however, he said, because opposition to him comes principally from appeasement forces who seek to capitalize upon the reverses for their own ends. Curran said that he was frequently

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## City CIO Calls Rally For 2nd Front

The New York CIO Council will hold its July 22 city-wide second front rally at Madison Square Park, Madison Ave. and 23rd St., it was announced yesterday by Saul Mills, Secretary.

The meeting, which is to be held after work beginning at 6 P.M., was called by an emergency session of the Council Executive Board. The session also was attended by a number of representatives of international unions.

The call for the rally invited all trade unions, church and civic groups, veteran and fraternal organizations, community and neighborhood groups to participate.

The purpose of the rally, as announced by the Executive Board in a statement issued is to strengthen the hand of the President in his policy for a second front to defeat Hitler.

Joseph Curran, President of the CIO Council who will have just returned from London, will make a report at the meeting on the British people in the war. A large number of other prominent speakers is being lined up.

The call denounced the appeasers, defeatists, and traitors who seek to sow confusion and doubt against the President's policy for a second front.

## Fiesta to Hear Marcantonio

Congressman Vito Marcantonio, Laborite win-the-war legislator from New York, will deliver the major address at the Victory Fiesta, Sunday, at Dexter Park, Jamaica, L. I., which will salute the heroic Spanish people on the sixth anniversary of their fight against fascism.

Rep. Marcantonio will urge the immediate opening of a Second Front to forestall further Nazi advances and to give the United Nations the initiative essential for victory.

The Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, 425 Fourth Ave., sponsor of the July 19 commemoration, announced that members of the armed forces will be admitted free to the all-day affair. Dexter Park can be reached from Canal Street on the Jamaica BMT Line to Elders Lane station.

A second land front now, the Congressman will emphasize, is the signal awaited by millions of democratic people in Spain, as well as French and other Hitler-occupied countries, to rise up and deliver powerful blows against the enemy's rear.

The Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee appealed to all New Yorkers to participate in the Victory Fiesta and to add their voice to the growing demand for a Second Front now.

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## NAZIS ADVANCE ON DON; FIGHTING IN VORONEZH

### 2nd Front Your Goal, AEF Told

American soldiers assigned to duty in Britain are going there for the second front, the War Department has told them.

"You are going to Great Britain as a part of an

Allied offensive—to meet Hitler and beat him on his own ground."

These are the opening words of the new War Department 36-page pamphlet "A Short Guide to Great Britain" being issued to American soldiers.

## SEIZE 14 SPY CONTACTS

WASHINGTON, July 13 (UP).—U. S. counter-espionage agents have arrested 14 men and women on charges of attempting to help eight Nazi saboteurs carry out a Gestapo-directed mission of death and destruction in this country, Attorney General Francis Biddle, announced today.

Six of the 14, arrested in Chicago and New York by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, were women. Two were parents of one of the saboteurs, now on trial before a special military commission, and one was the wife of another defendant.

The entire group, which included four Germans and 10 American citizens, tried in various ways to assist the saboteurs from the time they were landed on the Florida and Long Island coasts from submarines to the time they were arrested. It was charged.

CAN BE EXECUTED

At the Justice Department it was said that the American citizens could be tried in civil courts on charges of treason, the Germans under the espionage statutes. In any event, the 14 men and women face possible death sentences.

Announcement of the arrests was made while the saboteurs' trial was proceeding in its fifth day. After the morning session Maj. Gen. Frank H. McCoy, president of the commission, disclosed that defense counsel still were cross-examining an FBI counter-espionage agent who had testified for the prosecution on Saturday.

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover charged that all of those newly arrested were spies.

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## Nazis Force 800 Victims Into Poison Gas Chamber 'For Test'

MOSCOW, July 13.—Eight hundred human beings were horribly murdered by the Nazis recently when they were used as guinea pigs to test a new poison gas.

This hideous atrocity—one of the most gruesome in mankind's history—was reported by extremely reliable neutral sources who were in Germany at the time. The victims were inmates of the Aufhausen concentration camp.

Groups of ten, in which one person had a gas mask, were driven into the gas chambers and given varying doses of poison gas. While in the chamber the Nazis looked on, callously watching the torture resulting from their fiendish "experiment."

Some left the gas chamber alive coughing up particles of lung, with pieces of corroded flesh hanging from their bodies along with shreds of clothing.

The German guards, specially selected SS men, used long poles to push the gassed and tortured bodies into pits where they were covered with lime. The living went into the lime pits too.

The Nazis have recently sent along another detachment of prisoners to continue their "experiments."

## CIO to Fight House Gag Rule on Tax Bill

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 13.—The CIO prepared today to fight gag rule requested by the profits-as-usual House Ways and Means Committee for its inadequate \$6,250,000,000 tax bill.

On another vital front in the war against inflation and profiteering, Senator Alben Barkley, Senate Administration leader today demanded restoration of funds for the Office of Price Administration and removal of crippling restrictions on the agency.

Despite these developments, the President's entire anti-inflation program remained in mortal danger and the signs of strong and sustained resistance to knifing of the program by congressional obstructionists and defeatists remained few and far between.

After whitening down Treasury Department tax proposals by \$2,450,000,000 in secret sessions, the Ways and Means Committee was all set to railroad the measure through with a gag rule barring any amendments.

The Ways and Means Committee voted today to ask for a gag rule, and spokesmen for the committee are expected to make this request of the powerful Rules Committee on Wednesday.

Dominated by pro-tax Democrats and defeatist Republicans, the Rules Committee is expected to grant a gag rule. Ways and Means Committee leaders then hope to bring the bill up on Thursday and rush it through by the end of the week before anyone knows what is happening.

CIO REPRESENTATIVE

A CIO spokesman is expected to appear at the Rules Committee and demand that amendments restoring original Treasury revenue-raising proposals be permitted.

Administration officials and leaders in Congress were playing practically no role in backing up the CIO demand for their support changes of changing the tax bill were slim. An open rule when the tax measure reaches the House—and without.

Speaker Sam Rayburn, of the House was understood to be in favor of the gag rule while Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau was reported to have

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## War Summary

SOVIET UNION — Three Nazi spearheads are advancing through the Don valley toward Stalingrad on the Volga. On the Kalinin front the Nazis have driven small wedges into the Soviet lines at terrific cost.

EGYPT — The British have repulsed Rommel west of El Alamein. The British Navy shelled Matruh, sinking a German ship.

CHINA — Chinese troops have stormed and retaken the Min river island of Futou near the port of Foochow. The Japanese had taken the island last Thursday.

## 3 Lynchings in 12 Days

And two took place in poll tax states.

First, Odell Waller was legally lynched in Richmond, Virginia on July 2 for defending himself against a lawless landlord. Not only were Negroes denied the right to sit on the jury, but no poor white who could not pay the poll tax could sit either. So the constitutional rights of the poor white citizens were burned in the chair with Waller.

Secondly, Private Jessie Smith, a Negro soldier in Flagstaff, Arizona, was deliberately murdered last Saturday by police officials who then tried to hide their crime behind civilian slanders against Negro soldiers in general. Capt. R. M. Stanford, of the Arizona Army post, branded as a lie the charge that Negro soldiers shot up the town and declared that the officials who gave out such a charge "must be crazy."

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## Hitler's Day in Martin Dies' State

By Ben Davis, Jr.

Once more, America has been disgraced, the Negro people attacked and our war effort delivered a heavy blow, by a foul and hideous lynching.

In Texarkana, Texas, Willie Vinson, 25-year-old Negro worker was done to death by a fascist lynch mob who seized his ailing body from a hospital and hanged him.

Vinson was offered as a sacrifice to that cannibal poll tax system which Southern bourgeois like Gov. Talmadge of Georgia calls "white supremacy." The charge—"attempt to rape"—is by now commonly known as the last refuge of the chivalrous poll-taxers who oppress Negro and poor white in eight Southern states.

This is the third lynching in our country in 12 days.

Two took place in two days—an average of which Hitler could be proud.

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# THE MENACE IN DELAY

By William Z. Foster

When on June 10 President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill announced the agreements they had made with Soviet Foreign Commissar Molotov for launching a western front in Europe in 1942 the whole world of the United Nations rejoiced. At last, the peoples felt, the British and American Governments were about to take the burning step of catching Nazi Germany in the fatal nut-cracker of a two-front war. Point was lent to this mass enthusiasm by the rising crescendo of the then almost nightly mass raids of the RAF over German cities.

But the precious weeks are hurrying past and nothing further is heard of the projected second front. This does not ignore the fact of course, that the American and British governments are making preparations for a land invasion of Europe. But there has been a decided slackening of the RAF raids, while the press and radio are teeming with rumors and arguments to the effect that the second front is "out" indefinitely. It is pertinent, therefore, to express alarm and to sound a warning against the accumulating dangers to our country and to the United Nations caused by the long and inexplicable delay in getting the western front into operation.

As things now stand militarily Great Britain and the United States are allowing the Soviet Union

to face alone Hitler's great armed might, while three or four millions of their own troops, armed to the last detail, vegetate idly in the British Isles. But it is simply demanding too much of the USSR to expect it to defeat the combined armies of Germany, Italy, Rumania, Finland, Slovakia and Hungary, with all of industrial Europe behind them; not to speak of the Soviet Union's being compelled to hold some two million soldiers in the Far East to forestall an attack by Japan. In The Worker, of July 12, Captain Kournakoff, probably the leading authority in the United States on the Soviet armed forces stated definitively that the Red Army is heavily outnumbered in both men and munitions by the gigantic Axis forces arrayed against it. For the United Nations to allow this situation to continue is to invite military disaster. Britain and the United States now have enough forces in England, which, if used energetically in a western front, could tip the scales heavily in the opposite direction and send the United Nations' armies crashing to speedy victory on every front.

American-British inactivity in the West enables Hitler to drive now with his full force against the Red Army in his effort to capture the rich oil fields of the Caucasus in the next weeks. This presents a grave danger, constituting his superiority in forces. To prevent such a calamity Britain and America should throw their idle armies promptly into a fight in Western Europe, a step that would take the punch out of Hitler's Caucasus drive in a hurry. Another grave danger caused by British-American delay in launching a western front is that the Nazis

are thereby being given a golden opportunity to fortify the coasts of occupied Europe against invasion. One needs little imagination to picture how energetically Hitler's engineers are now arming the most vulnerable spots on the coasts of France, the Low Countries and Norway with pill boxes, anti-aircraft guns, tank traps, etc., against the expected incursion of American and British troops, especially since the two governments have announced that they intend to launch a second front this year. The longer the invasion is delayed, therefore, the more obstacles it will have to face and the more costly it will be in human lives and war materials.

Still another peril developed by Anglo-American slowness in invading Western Europe is the fact that the relatively short period of "invasion weather" this year are being allowed to slip by unutilized. Air fleets and small sea craft, which play a decisive role in the actual invasion, can operate efficiently solely in good weather, which in the English Channel prevails only in the summer and early fall. But the summer is already far advanced, and soon the enemies of the second front in Britain and the United States will be making a new argument—that weather conditions render it impossible. To make use of favorable weather is a decisive military consideration. Hence Britain and the United States must act now, or find their invasion task made vastly more difficult with the approach of Fall and Winter.

Lastly, to name only one more detrimental effect of British-American tardiness, in setting up a western front; the fifth column and their dupes in

the United States and Great Britain are being encouraged in their campaign of defeatism. Realizing that every day lost by the American and British governments is a day gained for Hitler, such people are stimulated to redouble their attacks on the whole proposition of a western front. That is why the Hearsts, Simms, Kallenborns, Peglers, Williams, Carters, Hutchisons and similar voices of defeat are increasingly raising a clamor on the radio, in the press, and in the ranks of organized labor against an offensive by the United States and Britain in Western Europe. The way to shut the mouths of these copperheads is for the two governments to begin their attack at once.

As against the foregoing dangerous consequences of delaying the western front, time is not giving the United States and Great Britain substantial compensating advantages. What gains they are able to make in the assembly of armed forces, in the increase of munitions production, and in alleviating the shipping crisis, are all minor in contrast to the present military disadvantages of delay. The failure to launch the second front promptly is working out as a huge plus for the Axis.

The whole logic of the situation shows that delaying the western front is not only highly dangerous from a military point of view, but that the longer it is postponed the more difficult it will become. A too long delay might cause irretrievable disaster to the United Nations. The Roosevelt-Churchill-Molotov agreements for a second front in Europe this year should be put into effect immediately.



**AEF Builds Airport:** American Negro troops are shown laying steel mats which form a runway for American fighter planes at a New Guinea airport. Sections are ten feet long and two feet wide and hook together. This outpost, north of Australia, has been strengthened by the arrival of U. S. troops. They are under the command of General MacArthur.

## Ask USSR's Aid on Rubber, Says Houdry

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 12.—Eugene J. Houdry, noted synthetic rubber expert, proposed today that the United States Government get technical advice and assistance from "our great Russian friends" on making synthetic rubber from alcohol.

Houdry told the Senate Agriculture Committee that if this were done he would be sure we would not be gambling on butadiene from alcohol. Butadiene is the principal ingredient in synthetic rubber.

A French-born American citizen who is active in the Free French government, Houdry said that he understood Soviet synthetic rubber is "excellent and their process is in large scale production."

It is reported here that Jesse Jones, head of the Government's lending agencies including the Rubber Reserve Corporation, has so far resisted all proposals to use Soviet methods of making synthetic rubber or get the benefit of Soviet technical advice.

Houdry appeared before the committee with the associates to tell of the run-around his new synthetic rubber process had received from Jesse Jones Rubber Reserve Corporation.

**AGREE ON ALCOHOL**  
While the Houdry process uses petroleum by-products to get butadiene, Houdry and his associates agreed there was merit to proposals to make synthetic rubber from scarce materials.

After hearing Houdry's story, Senator Guy Gillette of Iowa, chairman of the Senate Agriculture Subcommittee which has been studying synthetic rubber, sharply criticized officials charged with handling this situation.

He declared that there has been "inexcusable carelessness or a reprehensible purpose to block certain

methods of developing synthetic rubber."  
"In the situation we are confronted with," Gillette said, "I think it is little short of criminal to learn of a process that has existed in certain of our government agencies."

**JONES TARGET**

Gillette was obviously referring to Jones and his subordinates in rubber reserve since it was on them that Houdry process witnesses placed blame for denying them a fair hearing.

Other witnesses in addition to Houdry were Arthur B. Few, Jr., vice president of the Sun Oil Company, Clarence H. Thayer, engineering consultant, chief engineer for Sun Oil, and W. J. Burt, Socony-Vacuum official.

Sun Oil and Socony-Vacuum are part owners of the Houdry process, and have encountered Jones opposition in trying to get official approval for this new method.

Observers here see a behind-the-scenes conflict between the Standard Oil of New Jersey group which is close to Jones and the Houdry-Sun Oil-Socony-Vacuum group.

Standard of New Jersey has won Jones approval for its patents which it holds jointly with Nati companies for making synthetic rubber from butylene.

Houdry and Thayer maintained that this process is far more complicated, takes longer and uses more scarce materials.

Few charged that a rubber reserve official had ordered the Neches Technical Committee representing a pool of the big rubber companies to cease its investigation of Houdry methods.

He declared that the Houdry process has not "received a fair and impartial hearing by the Rubber Reserve."

## Soviets Get U.S. Seed to Aid Output

New varieties of disease-resistant seeds, contributed by American agricultural stations, have arrived in Moscow by plane, according to a cable report received here by Russian War Relief, Inc. News of the seeds' receipt in Moscow was announced by Edward C. Carter, Russian War Relief president, at the organization's national headquarters here, 11 E. 35th St.

The seeds were flown from New York to the Lenin All-Union Academy of Agricultural Sciences, Moscow, whose officials were instrumental in forwarding to America seeds of kok-sagys—the rubber-bearing dandelion—which provides most of the USSR's rubber. U.S. officials are now studying the possibilities of the rubber-bearing dandelion as a partial solution of the rubber shortage in this country.

**WILL AID CROP YIELD**  
The American seed varieties are expected to help the Soviets maintain their agricultural yield at a level compensating for the loss of nearly a quarter of their own area. Two leading Soviet agricultural scientists, who will study adaptation of the American seeds to Soviet conditions, are now devoting all their time to instructing farmers in ways of increasing the yield, according to reports to Russian War Relief. They are Trofim Lysenko, who evolved the theory of vernalization—subjecting seeds to indoor temperature before planting, thus causing them to sprout two or three days sooner and give a higher yield—and Nikolai I. Vavilov, head of the All-Union Institute of Plant Industry, Moscow and Leningrad.

Among the pedigreed experimental seed sent from the United States are the familiar grain and vegetables of Russia—wheat, oats, barley, tomatoes, carrots, beets, cucumbers, cabbage and corn—and a few vegetables hitherto little cultivated there—spinach, collards, celery, peas, squash and eggplant.

Universities and agricultural experimental stations throughout the United States and Canada contributed the new seed varieties.

**Will Train U. S. Troops on Farm Of Former Slave**  
(Special to the Daily Worker)  
CAMP SWIFT, Tex., July 13.—Dee Hennington, ex-slave more than 100 years old, willingly turned over his 100-acre farm here recently for a Government Army camp. He told agents who sought to purchase the land he had acquired through his own sweat and tears, "I know what it is to be a slave and what it is for this Government to free slaves."

He said that if the land was to be used for training soldiers who would free Hitler's slaves, he would be happy.

**CIVILIAN AIR HEROES**  
WASHINGTON, July 11 (UP).—Using heroes of the Civilian Air Patrol have saved at least 25 merchant vessels by "crash dives" on submarines and rescued 250 survivors of torpedoed ships, it was disclosed today.

These pilots fly six-hour-a-day patrols off the Atlantic Coast without salary and in their own planes. James M. Landis, head of the Office of Civilian Defense, told a Senate appropriations subcommittee,

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asked how the American people deal with appeasement forces.

British people, Curran said, are puzzled by American policy to Vichy and Finland. American ships carrying arms to Murmansk are subject to a five-day attack from Nazi planes operating from Finnish bases. American and British seamen have experienced those bombardments. Then, why, ask the British, hasn't the United States declared war on Mannerheim's Finland as England has?

Curran has talked to Free French too.

"How do you expect the French people to rise up against the Nazis if they don't know which side the U.S. is on?" he was asked. "So long as you continue friendly relations with Vichy, the anti-Fascist French will be confused and demoralized."

**FRASIES BRITISH WORKERS**  
Curran paid high tribute to the sacrifice the British workers are making for the war. He visited several British shipyards.

"They're working hard—56 to 60 hours a week—and they're turning out the ships. They work tired, but they keep at it."

He explained that the shortage of man-power and the requirement to blackout the shipyards at night, prevents three shift. The workers he said make up for it with sunrise to sunset work and only one Sunday off in three. Labor Minister Ernest Bevin, he said, is returning many to shipyards and other basic industries, even drawing on those already in the armed forces for the experienced men.

The NMTU leader had high praise for the constructive work of the ILO Maritime conference.

"The nine delegates from seamen's organizations and nine shipowners' representatives were unanimous in their proposals for safety at sea," Curran said. "One important suggestion was that there shall be two motorboats on every ship over 3,000 tons. It was agreed that the important thing was the safety of the seamen and that expense must not be a factor in consideration of safety measures."

All decisions of the conference

were recommendations to the respective United Nations governments. It was agreed to call a conference where a more permanent body on maritime labor problems would be established. The ILO was also directed to make a study looking toward an international code of maritime labor relations. It was further agreed that charitable and religious organizations were not as

## ALP Progressives In New Warning on Unity

If the Antonini group of the American Labor Party will not drop factionalism for the sake of winning the war, the progressives will fight them and achieve unity any way, the New York County Committee of the ALP announced last night.

The statement was made by Congressman Vito Marcantonio, New York County chairman, Eugene P. Connolly, Morris Watson, and Max Torchin.

The ALP progressives have made every effort to achieve unity, the statement said. "Repeatedly we have pleaded for this unity, by telephone, by emissary and by public statement." On December 8, the day after Japan attacked Pearl Harbor, the ALP progressives issued an urgent appeal for all factions to get together, because "the country must have maximum unity." At the same time they ordered their own state-wide Progressive Committee to cease activities, as proof of their good faith.

But the Antonini clique has taken a hard anti-unity stand, the statement declared, leaving no alternative but an open fight in the primaries.

The concluding paragraphs of the statement said: "Blocking unity, then, and blocking it by their own published confession, are a handful of stubborn individuals headed by Antonini, Rose and Armstrong, who even go so far as to imply that they will

support pro-fascist candidates like Ham Fish and William Barry in preference to unity with us."

"Unity in the American Labor Party is essential to the election of a Win-the-War Governor, Congress and Legislature which will support the President's Win-the-War policies. This calls for one united party, not one of left, right and center factionalism."

"Since Antonini, Rose and Armstrong—the narrow Dublin forces—have chosen to continue factionalism, there is only one alternative way of achieving unity. We have no other choice but to fight vigorously to elect pro-unity candidates to the State Committee and the state convention."

"It is a fight we didn't want, but it is a fight which we are bound to win because of the overwhelming desire of the rank and file to support the President with maximum effectiveness."

**Dr. Caryer Develops Camouflage Paint**  
TAMMHOFF INSTITUTE, A. I. A., July 13.—Paints developed from clay have been given to the War Department by A. W. Curtis, Jr., assistant to Dr. George Washington Caryer, as possibly having value in military camouflage. The paints were developed during research work sponsored by the TVA and Dr. Caryer's laboratory.

Those anti-Jim-crow steps which have already been carried through by the President's Fair Employment Practice Committee, should be extended in record time.

Every employer who still discriminates against workers because of race or religion, at a time when production needs every available man, should be sternly dealt with by the government. The failure to do so only feeds the atmosphere of discrimination out of which lynchings and anti-Semitism sprout. A far-reaching policy of equal rights for Negro citizens in civilian and Army life should be instituted by the government at once. The Pepper anti-poll tax bill should be passed before Congress adjourns, as a dramatic starter, and to serve notice on Hitlerites within.

The whole American people—especially labor—should be aroused over these lynchings. Not only are the rights of the Negroes involved—victory over Hitler is at stake. Urge President Roosevelt to speak out clearly and to act firmly and speedily against the lynch enemies of the nation.

## Pravda Issues Stirring Call

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let sacred hatred for the enemy become all dominating. Let this hatred be infused also with passionate love for the Fatherland and an unbending will for victory. We have every possibility not only to halt the enemy but to rout him too, to exhaust and harass and bleed him white.

"The enemy is in a hurry to disrupt the Second Front in his rear. He is pushing forward in order to run away from this danger."

"But he won't get away! The firmness of the Soviet people has frustrated more than one Hitlerite plan. Their firmness will foil this plan also. And firmness draws its strength from their great, deep hatred for the enemy!"

**Wallace Talk Widely Read In England**

The recent speeches of Vice-President Henry A. Wallace, and Under-Secretary of State Sumner Welles, on the objectives of the war against Nazism are being circulated and distributed widely in England.

Wallace's speech on the "century of the common man" was widely reported until Reynolds News, the organ of the Cooperative Movement, published it in full, despite the acute paper shortage which limits the national papers to four pages, according to London dispatches to Allied Labor News.

The full text of Sumner Welles' speech was printed by the News Chronicle, with a circulation of over 1,000,000.

**Amter Says: Texas Lynching Act of Treason**

The following statement was issued by Israel Amter, State Chairman of the Communist Party, in connection with the lynching of William Vinson at Texarkana, Texas:

"The mob lynching of William Vinson at Texarkana, Tex., follows upon the legal lynching of Odell Waller in the State of Virginia. Both flow out of the shameless system of national oppression of the Negro people. When will these crimes against the Negro people come to an end? When will the Anti-Lynch Bill be enacted? When will the Anti-Poll Tax Bill be enacted? When will the discrimination against the Negro people, as proclaimed by the President in Executive Order, come to an end?"

"The time is now! 'No nation can be drawn fully into the war effort if the rights of a section of its people are trampled under foot. The Negroes want to serve their country the same as the rest of the population. They hate Hitler as no other group does.'

"The lynching of William Vinson is an act of treason against the nation. The people must urge the President to adopt such measures as will put an end to these dastardly crimes against the Negro people, and instruct the Department of Justice to ferret out the mobsters and see that they receive full punishment."

"All white progressive must unite with the Negro people in the demand for equal rights for the Negro people and an immediate end to all Jim Crow, segregation and discrimination, and that lynching be rooted out."

## 3 Lynchings in 12 Days

# Hitler's Day in Martin Dies' State

(Continued from Page 1)

the Negro-hating sheriffs, this means ANY Negro.)

The mob, looking for a man who "looked like the man," entered a Negro cafe in the town and there shot a Negro who allegedly picked up a butcher knife.

Vinson, the man shot, was taken to a hospital where a mob later seized him, and hanged him from a winch on a cotton gin, with no apparent interference from the sheriff, a state official. None of the mob was masked, according to the nurses in the hospital, yet no one was able to identify a single one of the lynchers.

The sheriff claims he investigated the case but "made no arrests and had no clues." (An Associated Press story yesterday.) There's no telling what happened to the other hospital patients and undoubtedly the whole Negro community has been subjected to Ku Klux intimidation and terror.

It is up to the Federal government to act in this situation and act now! It should start with the

sheriff, who plainly needs to take no back seat in the art of white-washing. It is the duty of the Department of Justice, even without passage of the much-needed anti-lynching bill, to insure Negro citizens in their rights under the 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments.

Attorney General Biddle, instead of hounding such outstanding labor leaders and fighters for Negro rights as Harry Bridges, needs to get after the Ku Klux Klan, and the other Hitlerite bands. The Ku Klux Klan is cultivating the atmosphere which leads to these horrors against the Negro people; it should be disbanded.

Lynchers are aiding the enemy. They should be executed as traitors to the nation. Lynchers must go along with Hitler.

Martin Dies, the poll taxer from Texas, who hounds anti-fascists and disrupts national unity, serves as a shield for the lynchers from his own state. Dies should be driven from public life.

The national government should take immediate initiative in guaranteeing the full citizenship of the Negro people, as a war necessity,

Those anti-Jim-crow steps which have already been carried through by the President's Fair Employment Practice Committee, should be extended in record time.

Every employer who still discriminates against workers because of race or religion, at a time when production needs every available man, should be sternly dealt with by the government. The failure to do so only feeds the atmosphere of discrimination out of which lynchings and anti-Semitism sprout. A far-reaching policy of equal rights for Negro citizens in civilian and Army life should be instituted by the government at once. The Pepper anti-poll tax bill should be passed before Congress adjourns, as a dramatic starter, and to serve notice on Hitlerites within.

The whole American people—especially labor—should be aroused over these lynchings. Not only are the rights of the Negroes involved—victory over Hitler is at stake. Urge President Roosevelt to speak out clearly and to act firmly and speedily against the lynch enemies of the nation.



# Coast Railroad Lures Thousands of Negroes Into Slave Gangs

## Los Angeles Aroused Over Peonage Plan

By Tom Cullen  
(Special to the Daily Worker)

LOS ANGELES, July 13.—Thousands of Negro workers are being lured here from Southern states by the Southern Pacific Railroad Company to work at slave wages and under intolerable conditions on railroad section gangs, the Daily Worker learned exclusively today.

Southern Pacific is said to be planning to recruit from 20,000 to 25,000 Negro workers to replace Mexican section gangs who have migrated to the agricultural fields and to war industries.

The Negro workers, many of them boys 16 and 17 years old, are arriving here at the rate of 250 a day from Mississippi, Tennessee, Texas, Georgia and Alabama, to be sent on to out-of-the-way parts of California to work on the railroads. Disillusioned with the working conditions and wages they find, they are quitting their jobs and flowing back into Los Angeles again.

### SLAVE CONDITIONS

Under the conditions of the contracts which the Negro workers must sign, they agree, in substance, to work 10 hours a day, six days a week for the miserable wage of 46 cents an hour.

This means back-breaking work as a section hand in the blistering heat of hell-holes like India.

Actually the meagre 46 cents an hour wage is illusory and the workers find themselves in the same kind of sharecropper bondage they left behind after all the deductions stipulated in the labor contracts include \$1.20 per day for food, \$1.75 per month for a hospitalization fee, a three per cent payroll tax, and commissary charges. After this has been subtracted from their paychecks, the section hands have little or nothing to show for their labor; to send to their families back home.

The Southern Pacific agrees to furnish housing in "section houses, outcamps or tents," but the workers must furnish their own bedding and eat pads—all of which gives some idea of the poverty-stricken living conditions that prevail up and down the line.

Return transportation to their homes is guaranteed only to employees laid off due to "reduction in forces," which gives the railroad company a perfect "out" for reneging on its obligations by firing the workers when it is through with them.

### RAILROAD CHICANERY

Altogether the labor contract is a tricky affair, requiring the services of a "Philadelphia" lawyer for interpretation. The work week clause, for example, states that "Normal work is eight hours per day, six days per week"—but neglects to state whether this "normal" time schedule is still in effect. But rail: "Certain extra gangs are now working 9 and 10 hours per day, six days a week," the contract goes on. "However no overtime work is guaranteed. ON EXTRA GANGS, STRAIGHT TIME IS PAID FOR THE FIRST TEN HOURS IN ANY GIVEN DAY." (Emphasis our own.—Ed.)

All of which should be a pretty good tip-off that the new Negro section hands will be expected to work 10 hours a day straight time. Scores of workers who signed the contracts complain bitterly that they didn't know what they were signing at the time. Due to the lack of educational advantages, a great many of the Negroes are unable to read and write, and they testify that no effort was made to read the contents of the contract to them.

Some were under the false illusion that they were being sent to "other southern states for important work."

There is a steady increase in the number of Negro section hands who, unable to stand the heavy work, the heat and the galling wages, have quit their jobs and flocked to cities like Los Angeles. There they find themselves stranded, homeless and hungry.

### AGENCIES AROUSED

Social workers are concerned over the problem created by these Negro workers, claiming that if the migration to the cities continues, they will provide a heavy drain on already over-taxed community resources. Resentment is high over the fact that the Southern Pacific Railroad has dumped this new problem on the doorstep of Los Angeles because of its greedy desire to import the cheapest source of labor it can find.

Clarence Johnson, Negro member of the Minority Groups Branch of the U. S. Manpower Commission, told the Daily Worker he has referred the matter to the U. S. Department of Labor for investigation.

Among the organizations quick to interest themselves in the plight of these imported workers are the Urban League and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The problem has also been called to the attention of the AFL and the CIO, both of which are expected to demand federal action immediately.

## Honor East Side Boys in the Armed Forces



### East Side Gets Service Flag

Flag-raising ceremonies Sunday at Stanton and Norfolk Sts. paid tribute to 58 boys in the U. S. armed forces from this community. Left, a detachment of Negro troops, from a unit quartered in the city, are shown marching during the parade. Right, the crowd, which numbered 2,000, is shown looking on as the flag bearing 58 stars is raised.

## Service Stars Cover Lower East Side Where Every Family Has a Part in War

By Ernest Moorer

There's not a neighborhood in town that shows its colors more plainly in the war to smash the Axis than the lower East Side. The anti-fascist standards that fly in nearly every block are the service flags—huge red, white and blue banners decked with stars each representing a neighborhood boy serving in the armed forces.

The service flag movement started on the East Side and spread from there over the city. Or rather it spread to those parts of the city where people feel closest to the fight to drive fascism out of the world. They brighten the crowded sections of Brooklyn, the lower East Side and the Bronx. There are no service flags across Park Ave.

These flags are symbols of the virtually universal support of the war effort on the East Side. The stars on them signify that nearly every family has sent a son to fight fascism abroad and that virtually every family is enrolled in some form of win-the-war activity at home.

It was the service flag movement that changed the spirit of win the war activity from something official and formal and handed down from above to a thing with breadth and depth that touched every home. The initiative for the change came from the people in the crowded apartments and tenements.

**THEY WANT SECOND FRONT**  
For example, there was Mrs. M. Pohovy of 64 Ave. C. She started the campaign for the flag in her neighborhood and the whole neighborhood joined in.

Three Sundays ago when they raised the flag on Fifth St. hundreds joined the parade through the neighborhood. You get an idea of the breadth of the movement by the people who spoke at the flag raising ceremony. They included Father Mathias Lynch of St. Bridget's Church, Rabbi Bernard Bergman of the Sons and Daughters of Israel, Rabbi of Second Ave. Republican City Councilman Meyer Goldberg, Democratic Assemblyman Morris Mintz, Capt. Cook of the 11th Precinct, Reuben Shulman,

**Winning the War in the Neighborhoods—**  
**This is another in a Daily Worker series which was begun in The Worker Sunday.**

Communist leader in the 6th A. D., and Arthur G. Klein, Congressman for the 14th District.

Those were the leading people who were there. But thousands plain people got up and spoke their minds about smashing the Axis. Mrs. Pohovy was among them.

The win-the-war spirit pervades every gathering. Morris Mintz, the Progressive Democratic Assemblyman running for re-election, has a headquarters that looks more like a civilian defense office. Huge war posters cover the place.

We asked him how the people liked his speeches calling for a second front against the Axis now.

"They yell their heads off," he said. "Why I have seen women with

boys in the Army cry a little bit when you talk about the boys and still they applaud till their hands hurt when you mention the second front."

Assemblyman Mintz made another observation that struck us as being more than passing interest. "Down here on the East Side," he said, "the people are in the habit of coming to the politicians with all of their troubles. I thought we would be swamped with people looking for draft deferments."

"Well, mister, I was wrong on that one! Once in a while somebody wants a short delay in the induction of a relative—say a couple of weeks or a month—because of some particular family problem. But that's all. They don't want to get their kin folks out of the fight; they want to get in it themselves!"

**THESE PEOPLE LEAD**  
Here are some of the people who keep things moving in the area between 2nd Avenue and the East River and between 14th and Houston Streets:

Judge Adolph Stern, retired magistrate, chairman of the Jefferson Democratic Club and a member of the executive committee of the lower East Side Defense Committee. Judge Stern is active in every kind of war activity, but his specialty was mobilization of the area in the Minute Man campaign. District Five of the Minute Man committee turned in one of the best records in the city.

Mrs. Mabel Brin who as leader of the American Women's Voluntary Services on the East Side made the AWVS activity virtually a mass movement in her territory. What-

ever criticisms have been made of the AWVS elsewhere in the city, on the East Side it is a democratic organization and gets its jobs done.

Dave Freed, 670 Water St., vice president of the Vladeck Tenants League, leader of war work in the district's only public housing project. The Vladeck tenants have put every campaign over the top. Two months ago they gave a party for the Negro troops then guarding the Brooklyn Navy Yard. The boys, most of whom came from Southern states, said it was the best hospitality they had received in town.

Harry Daniels and Reuben Shulman, Communist leaders. The Communists believe they can equal any organization's record in war work—100 per cent participation.

Joe Pink, executive secretary of the Lower East Side IWO Council. The IWO is in everything. Mr. Pink's desk was a confusion of collection cans for Allied War Relief, Russian War Relief and Chinese War Relief. His office and the various IWO lodges register people for all types of defense work. The IWO supplied 50 Minute Men on short notice to plug holes in the war bond campaign. They organized corner street meetings to sell bonds and stamps. One IWO lodge alone, the Russian (Chernshevsky) Lodge raised \$10,000 for Allied war relief. That figures about \$100 a member.

Every kind of war activity in the Lower East Side is running at such a clip that you'd think that nobody had a beef about anything. Well they have.

There's a park on E. Houston St. called Hamilton Park. It's not named for the incumbent appraiser in Congress but for his late pop. We pointed that fact out to one of the people who complained.

"Well, maybe it is named for the Old Man," he said, "but we still don't like it."

## Cleveland Slavs Join Fight on Sweeney

(Special to the Daily Worker)

CLEVELAND, July 13.—New momentum in the campaign to unseat Congressman Martin L. Sweeney, Cleveland's Ham Fish, was developed here when the powerful Slav section of the community swung into action this week. Headed by prominent civic, political and educational leaders, the United Slav Committee, through its Executive Committee, declared Sweeney "has betrayed the interests of America," and endorsed his opponent in the Democratic primaries, Michael A. Feighan.

The Slav Committee's statement declared: "Sweeney has grossly misrepresented the sentiments of his constituents, who overwhelmingly support President Roosevelt by acting as the mouthpiece of a bizarre company of American Firsters, Bundists, isolationists, appeasers, and all other elements treacherous to America's safety."

Those subscribing to the statement included: Vatro Grill, Chairman of the United Slav Committee and assistant city prosecutor; George S. Tenney, first vice-chairman and former Municipal Judge; Professor Mathew Brade, second vice-chairman, Case School of Applied Sciences; Charles Hronek, treasurer and leader of Czech Catholic Union; and Mary Prihodoff, executive secretary.

Simultaneous with the anti-Sweeney action of the Slavs came the call of the Painters District Council for united, win-the-war, political action by all labor in answer to the challenge of Martin Sweeney's loss—the war conduct.

### 2 Trainmen Killed In Runaway Crash

PITTSBURGH, July 13 (UP).—Two Punxsutawney trainmen were killed today when a string of runaway freight cars crashed into a Baltimore & Ohio railroad locomotive on Bakerstown Hill, near Gibsonia.

The trainmen were trapped in the wreckage when 15 cars loaded with wheat, ped down the hill and smashed into the locomotive, which was stationary, ready to be switched to a side track. The locomotive tender was hurled from its chassis and the engine cab crushed.

### Lehman, Mayor to See McNutt on City Jobs

ALBANY, July 13 (UP).—Governor Lehman announced today that he would meet with Paul V. McNutt, chairman of the Federal Manpower Commission, on Friday to discuss the New York City employment situation. Lehman said that Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia also would attend the conference with federal production and procurement authorities.

## Equal Sacrifices, Say Unions in Aircraft

By Jack Young  
(Special to the Daily Worker)

LOS ANGELES, July 13.—A joint statement of AFL and CIO representatives at the Southern California Aircraft Wage Stabilization Conference today reiterated labor's full support of President Roosevelt's 7-point anti-inflation program and stressed that the policy provides that sacrifice be distributed equitably over different groups.

The statement, giving full support to the statement on policy of War Production Board wage stabilization Chief, Paul Porter, asked that steps be taken to check the "huge salary increases granted by corporations."

"Labor again reiterates its position that it is in full support of the 7-point program as presented by President Roosevelt. Further, that labor has approached the aircraft stabilization problems on this basis. "Labor has made an outstanding contribution to the war effort by refraining from strikes and by shouldering the job of war production and turning out fighting equipment at a tremendous rate," the statement said. "Is labor to be asked to make further sacrifices without first seeing that other groups make equal sacrifices?"

Richard Gilbert, deputy administrator, Office of Price Administration, is scheduled to submit a written answer to three questions presented by the aircraft manufacturers, as follows:

"1. Does the government consider wage levels in the Pacific Coast airplane plants as sub-standard?"

"2. What is the definition of wage inequalities?"

"3. What adjustments, if any, in the Pacific Coast airplane wage levels will the government permit and sanction to achieve the objectives of this conference, within the limits of the anti-inflation program?"

The day before, the AFL International Association of Machinists and the CIO United Auto Workers presented their proposals for wage and job classification stabilization to achieve the aims of the War Production Board-called conference—namely, prevention of inflation and migration of workers and maintenance of good labor relations.

Principal point of those proposals was that wages in the aircraft industry should be set at a minimum of 95 cents an hour and a maximum of \$1.80 hourly.

Labor, management and government expressed general agreement that such increases would mean a pay boost for Pacific Coast aircraft workers approximating \$125,000,000. As management refused to talk further on these wage proposals and insisted upon presenting its questions to the OPA over labor's bitter opposition, Conference Chairman Paul R. Porter, took the floor.

Emphasizing that the WPA, OPA, WAR Manpower Commission, and all other government agencies following the conference were in agreement with what he had to say, Porter said:

"I state again that the government policy is not to fix wages by edict. It is our hope that a stable wage level can be secured by voluntary agreement, and as a major step toward that goal this conference of labor, management and the government was called by the latter.

## Hit Hitler Now, Wisconsin Women Say

(Special to the Daily Worker)

MILWAUKEE, Wis., July 23.—Wisconsin women want a Western Front now, according to a resolution passed by 800 delegates at a Women's Victory Congress held in the Pfister Hotel of this city Saturday.

Equal pay with men, equal job opportunities for Negro women, supervised nurseries for the children of working mothers, the use of women volunteers as price wardens by the Office of Price Administration, the appointment of more women in war agencies were other main demands of the women's confab. Women must make their votes count for election of win-the-war candidates, the Congress agreed.

Women constitute the nation's greatest reservoir of labor power, and may receive a national call by next spring, the group were told by Ewan Clague, associate director of the Bureau of Employment Security, Washington, D. C.

The Congress was opened by Howard McMurray, political science professor of the University of Wisconsin, who described the war as "a war to save humanity and Western civilization," and warned that "a defeat of Russia would be as serious as a defeat of the United States."

The session went on record in support of President Roosevelt's seven-point anti-inflation program and called for legislation to make it effective.

A request for aid in establishing a nationwide program of child care will go before Congress within the next two weeks, the women were told by Charles P. Talt, assistant director of Defense, Health and Welfare Services for the Federal Security Administration.

"The failure of these services," he said, "can wreck the health and morale of our men in uniform."

## Willkie to Fight GOP Defeatists

(Special to the Daily Worker)

CHICAGO, July 13.—Wendell Willkie, 1940 Republican Presidential candidate, plans to use his influence in state political contests for the defeat of Republicans committed to a program of defeat.

"I'll go into the elections or into the primaries in the states as I see fit," he said here yesterday. "I can say right now that if I were a citizen of Illinois I wouldn't vote for the reelection of Congressman (Stephen A.) Day."

Willkie parried the question of whether he would cross party lines to support a Democrat of international viewpoint against a Republican defeatist.

"I've made no decision on that," he answered. "I'm a Republican, and I expect to remain a Republican. Everything I do has but one end—to bring the party to a realization of problems to be faced after the war, and I want to help elect men to office who will see these problems. I'm dedicated to this one thing."

Willkie said the Republican Party was misled after the last war. "I don't want to see the party today fall into the hands of the wrong leadership," he said.

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## Save Grease: Every housewife can be a good soldier on the home front, like the young lady at the left, by saving meat grease which can be made into nitroglycerine to blast the Axis. The grease should be strained through a piece of gauze into a can to remove meat scraps and impurities, and then turned over to the local butcher. He in turn will see that it goes to a plant that manufactures shells like those on the right.

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## Make Your Grease Count; How to Salvage Food Fats

WASHINGTON, July 13.—"Out of the frying pan into the frying line," that's the motto for all patriotic American women to emblazon—at least metaphorically—on the walls of their kitchen for the duration.

For our country is calling for the salvage of some 500 million pounds of fats and greases ordinarily thrown out from frying pans, roasting pans and broilers into the garbage pail, and it intends to send those fats straight to the fighting fronts.

Fats yield glycerine, and it's as glycerine that these fats will find their way into the firing line, both in medications for wounded fighters and as an important part of certain explosives.

The war in the Pacific shot holes in our imports of essential fats and oils. Over half of them come from the Philippines, the Dutch East Indies and Malaya, now in the hands of the Japanese.

Those fats are the dippings left in the pan when the menu calls for roast beef, roast lamb, roast ham or

roast poultry.—The succulent melting from broiled steak, lamb chops, veal and bacon,—the lard or vegetable shortening in which the doughnuts and French fries and other deep fat cookings are done.

A coffee or vegetable shortening can make the ideal container for the salvaged fats. These cans are wide-mouthed and that makes it easy to pour the fat in. A one-pound coffee can holds two pounds of fat—but if a vegetable shortening can is used, the weight of the fat will be just about what the weight of the shortening was.

Glass containers weigh too heavily to figure accurately the weight of the fat contents. Paper containers are apt to leave part of their shine in with the fat when the renderer starts to process it. So instructions are to use only tin cans unless it's absolutely impossible to get them.

The container must be scrubbed well before it is used. Foreign matter lessens the value of the fat. That's why the instructions say to strain the fat into the can. But it

isn't necessary to use a cloth strainer—a fine mesh metal one will keep out the bits of meat or fish that may remain—in the pan drippings.

The can should be kept in the refrigerator or some other cool place so that the fat will not grow rancid. Fat contains less glycerine, and as soon as a pound or more has been collected it should be taken to a meat dealer who has been instructed to pay for the fat and start it on its way to the firing line.

### Cologne's Homeless in Paris, British Reveal

Sixty thousand men, women and children of Cologne, their homes destroyed in the RAF's great bombing attack last month have been evacuated to Paris, the British Broadcasting Company reported yesterday in a broadcast recorded here by CBS.

"Hotels and apartment houses have been requisitioned to accommodate them," the broadcast said.



## WORLD TODAY

## Madrid, Catalonia, Euzkadi

By James S. Allen

ISIDORE DIEGUEZ, his short, springy body as alive as a streak of lightning, his mind sharp with political genius, is dead. He was executed by a Franco firing squad in Madrid.

With him died the Basque steel worker, Jesus Larranaga Churruga. And the Basque construction worker, Manuel Asarta. And the Catalan young textile worker, Jaime Girabu.

They were all Communists, leaders of their Party, trade union and mass leaders, who had fought through the six-years civil war. After the defeat of the Republic, they sought refuge for a short time abroad, but fought there, too, for the same thing they fought in Spain. Then, chosen to the honor of again leading the struggle in Spain, they returned.

A Madrilenian, a Basque, a Catalanian. A construction worker, a steel worker and a textile worker. Three between 35 and 38 years old, the fourth a youth of 24. Each a trade union and Communist leader. During the dictatorship of Primo de Rivera, the older three were already leading their brother workers against feudal reaction and the beginnings of fascism. After July 18, 1936, when the Nazi-inspired Franco uprising began, they all sprang to arms in defense of their country and their Republic, mobilized their people for relentless resistance. Workers, Communists, Catalanian, Basque and Madrilenian, all united in a single core of struggle, dying fiercely and fearlessly to make Spain live again. They are the new man, the new hero of our times.

THE name of Dieguez is associated with the great epic of the defense of Madrid. During the first hectic days of the gathering of the people, he directed the arming of the Madrilenos, organized the first workers and people's militias, out of which grew the famous Fifth Regiment of the Republican Army.

As Franco's columns approached the capital, this creative organizer with tireless energy built that living wall of resistance which Franco was never able to pierce from the outside. During the tragic November days when the city seemed about to fall, Dieguez together with Anton Mije took up their posts as the Communist Party representatives on the Madrid Defense Council and honorably held them until the end.

Able, audacious, firm, a true leader of the people, Dieguez became the General Secretary of the Madrid Provincial Committee of the Communist Party, and a member of the Political Bureau. From the relentless struggle of Madrid, he emerged as an outstanding leader of the workers and people of Spain. He was one of the best pupils of a school whose sessions were struggles, a school led by Jose Diaz.

WHEN Casado let loose the rebellion against the Republic in Madrid, Dieguez organized and led the armed struggle against him. Weakness and betrayal in high circles finally succeeded in opening the doors of Madrid to the fascist army. Dieguez's Madrid could not be taken by assault.

Dieguez found refuge in the mountains and then escaped to France. Then he came to the American continent from where he helped organize aid to his countrymen still carrying on the struggle in Spain and to fellow refugees interned in France.

His great yearning, all he lived for, was to return to Spain. He devoured every bit of news about the underground movement, about the thousands of guerrillas in the mountains, about the growing desperation of the people. He was happy when he was chosen to return.

Soon after he plunged fully into the struggle again on his native soil, the Gestapo-sharpened police laid their hands on him.

From prison, he wrote a letter to his friends abroad. He wrote calmly and simply of what had happened to him. He did not doubt that he would be executed. He said he was happy to be dying in fulfillment of his trust, in the midst of struggle. He was happy at what he had seen of the restlessness and the undying spirit of struggle among the workers. Of Franco and all that sustained Franco he spoke with that biting sarcasm so characteristic of the fighter Dieguez.

MUCH the same can be said of the Basque steel worker Larranaga, the Basque construction worker Asarta and the Catalanian youth leader Girabu. They all played their leading parts in their trade unions, in their Party, as commanders of battalions and divisions at Irun, San Sebastian, Asturias, and then in central Spain. After the betrayal by Casado, Larranaga remained in Spain until the last city fell to organize the rescue of Republican fighters. Hounded at every turn, he finally succeeded in reaching France. Just before the fall of Paris, he was saved from the hands of the capitalists and the approaching Nazis. With the help of the Spanish Refugee Committee here he succeeded in reaching the Americas. Then happy and exuberant, he returned to Spain.

With such fighters, Spain will be saved from Hitler and his medieval butchers, Franco and Sener. As the sixth anniversary of the Civil War in Spain approaches, we should do honor to Spain and to ourselves by breaking completely with Franco, the executor of heroes who belong to us as much as to Spain. We should give recognition and aid to the real representatives of the Spanish people, to the fighters inside and to the united republican forces outside. By doing so we will reverse a shameful and criminal policy. We will strengthen our advance guard of the Second Front.

## The POLITICAL SCENE

## Congress Versus Victory

by Milton Howard

COURAGE is needed, the New York Times has decided. Courage is indeed needed. We need courage and daring to seize the initiative in the West. But this is not the kind of courage which has suddenly become prominent in the political discussions of the press.

When the New York Times talks of courage it is referring to its insistent demand that the Congress go even farther than it already has in its career of opposition to President Roosevelt's economic win-the-war plan.

In discussing the need for a military attack in Europe, the Times is all for caution. In contemplating an assault upon the Administration's anti-inflation plan, the Times is the very spirit of daring and recklessness.

The Times thinks that Congress has not gone far enough in smashing up President Roosevelt's plan to curb inflation by curbing exorbitant profits. What the Times wants is a return of the offensive against the wages of American labor. Its theory, disproved by every piece of available data, is that Labor's wages constitute the menace of inflation.

IT does not matter to the Times that American labor has voluntarily agreed to a no-strike policy until victory; that labor and President Roosevelt yesterday, on the one hand, pursued the policy of stabilizing wages by periodic collective adjustment to living costs. It does not impress the Times and the Congressional reactionaries that Labor, while it has performed miracles of

increased output, has also faced a rise of living costs of more than 15 per cent (food up more than 25 per cent) since last year, and that Labor gladly pledges 10 per cent of its wages, in addition, to the purchase of war bonds.

Above all, the fact that American industry, as reported by the United States Department of Commerce, shows a two billion dollar increase in profit, is studiously avoided in the learned discussions of the tax and inflation issues.

When President Roosevelt called for an economic plan that would levy the war's costs according to ability to pay—that is upon increased war profits and upper incomes—the press and Congress decided that it would sidetrack this fair plan. It substituted its own scheme of winning a peoples war by degrading living and working standards, on the one hand, and by a joy-ride of profiteering on the other.

The Congressional magicians who called up the "prairie fire" to roast at the stake the time-and-a-half wages provision of the 40-hour week are returning to the battle lines. The hacking of the FDR corporation tax schedule down to a shadow of itself, and the mockery levelled at the price-rent-control system of the OPA, are all aimed at the same old goal—the manipulation of the nation's war effort for a financial spree at the expense of labor and the Government.

Inflation comes from high prices. High prices are due to high profits. This is the iron logic from which no business-as-usual propagandist can escape.

IT is not at all an accident that the same Congressional forces which insist on uncontrolled prices are equally savage in their determination to "freeze" wages. The Congressmen who are today trying to jockey the Administration into a disruptive attack upon America's soldiers of labor are, in most cases, the very same ones who imperilling our other soldiers by their Quiltingism in foreign policy.

Fundamentally, the current Congressional uprising is nothing but a continuation of the Howard Smith "prairie fire" provocation. The AFL, CIO and the Administration effectively doused that for the good of the country.

But the job has to be done again. This enemy in Congress simply does not believe in a swift victory over Hitlerism.

It is incredibly morose in its own narrow greedy outlook where the only fact in life worthy of belief is a quick and preferably riskless profit.

Furthermore, it really does not accept the Administration's policy of the United Nations. In scrambling now for their profiteering rights, the Congressional cliques are demonstrating to the country their contempt for the war and its aims of liberation.

So courage is really required. But it is not the courage urged by the New York Times for an attack upon the people in the factories and the farms. Action is needed against that nation-betraying priority which is unrecorded to national unity because it wages war more eagerly against the people at home than the enemy abroad.

of contributions, equally to any other group in America.

The labor movement and especially those unions which have large numbers of Italians, must heed the problems facing the Italian people.

And especially must the Italian-Americans, through lectures and all other means, be given the answer as to the type of a war this is—a people's war—and the question of England and another possible Versailles peace must be answered. This is one of the main problems that is worrying the Italian-Americans, and the older generation that emigrated to these shores, who worry over what is going to happen to Italy after the Axis Powers have been defeated.

The Italian-American people are loyal. If proper attention is paid to them by the progressive forces they can make their full contribution to the war effort. Such contributions would be a further guarantee of the continuance of American democracy and the liberation of the Italian people in Italy through the defeat of the Axis powers in 1942.

## Worth Repeating

## Crucial Battle of 1942

"Today, more than ever before, the diversion of German strength from the attack on Russia is an urgent necessity if the Nazi war machine is to be stopped this year," says the Cleveland Plain Dealer in an editorial "Crucial Battle of 1942," in its July 7 editions. In part, the editorial says:

On June 27 President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill issued a joint statement regarding their conferences in Washington which said in part: "While exact plans cannot be disclosed, it can be said that the coming operations, which were discussed in detail . . . will divert German strength from the attack on Russia."

Today, more than ever before, the diversion of German strength from the attack on Russia is an urgent necessity if the Nazi war machine is to be stopped this year.

Hitler apparently has launched his much heralded summer drive for the Caucasus oil producing region. With a reckless expenditure of men and material the Germans have crossed the Don River and by sheer weight of numbers have driven a wedge between the Russian central and southern armies.

The Germans still have a long way to go before they reach the Caucasus. But if they can cut off all rail communications between Moscow and Rostov, Marshal Timoshenko's army will be deprived of reinforcements and supplies from the north, including lend-lease material landed at the Arctic port of Murmansk.

In view of past demonstrations of the thoroughness of the Russian scorched earth policy, it is not likely that Hitler would be able to take any oil out of the Caucasus for some time, even if he should succeed in occupying that area. But the loss of this vast reservoir of oil would be a serious blow to the Russians, as well as to their allies. There is reason for believing, therefore, that the battle now in progress is the crucial one of 1942 and that upon its outcome will depend whether the war against Germany will last another year or another five years.

In this situation it behooves Britain and the United States to proceed with all possible speed to put into effect the operations which Roosevelt and Churchill said would divert German strength from the attack on Russia. These operations obviously must provide for the establishment of a second front on the continent of Europe.

There are growing indications that the Germans are unable to maintain offensive actions on two fronts. If Marshal Rommel had an effective air force to support his spectacular advance in Libya and Egypt he might have broken through the British lines to the Nile Delta. But, although the outcome of the battle in Egypt is still undecided, British observers on the Egyptian front have been amazed by the scarcity, and at times complete absence of German planes. It is apparent that the Germans do not have sufficient air power to support properly their operations in Egypt and Russia at the same time.

Germany's shortage of air power and the concentration of Nazi troops and tanks on the Russian front should suggest to the Allied commanders that conditions are more favorable than they ever have been before for the launching of invasion operations.

## Letters From Readers

## Suggestion

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The plays in the collection "Four Soviet Plays" published by International Publishers would be excellent as serials in The Worker. I heartily urge you to consider them. They make absorbing reading and stimulate the courage and understanding so necessary today. They are brilliantly written pieces, which cut through the art versus propaganda controversy to attain new heights among contemporary plays.

The Worker looks better, and reads better every week, it seems. I especially want to commend the editorial features by James Allen and Milton Howard and hope they will continue permanently.

MRS. M.R.

## SIDESWIPES

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"Gott mit uns—just look at the way he's del-  
laying der Western Front!"

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TUESDAY, JULY 14, 1942

Bastille Day Must Hasten  
Our Invasion of Europe

ALREADY before Bastille Day dawned flashes of an approaching civil war appeared in France. In the department of Calais, along the invasion coast, a pitched battle developed between grenade-tossing French workers and the gendarmes. In Paris, the housewives are leading the people against enforced starvation. Sabotage, sniping and guerrilla warfare is spreading. The German High Command had to admit that during a three-month period alone sabotage had occurred in 74 steel foundries, almost 2,000 trucks of war goods had been destroyed, 30 ammunition dumps blown up, 18 trains derailed.

Even a greater revelation of the deep unrest agitating France is the Nazi order, on the eve of Bastille Day, to put to death all near male relatives over 18 years old of fugitives from German military "justice," to place all their near women relatives at hard labor and put their children in "reform" schools.

The fascists are nervous as Bastille Day dawns. They have good reason to be. Their army of occupation has been reduced to feed the bottomless pit of death on the Eastern Front. Their miserable puppets at Vichy hang on only by the force of Gestapo weapons and the threat of SS vengeance. They fear the irresistible pull of the Bastille tradition upon the French people and the effect upon them of that great Soviet heroism. They fear with the fear of tyrants the mounting resistance which threatens to

strike even more drastically on a day which to Frenchmen has the same significance as July 4 has for us.

What better day than such for us to repudiate Vichy, denounce the traitors, openly establish our alliance with the Free French and recognize that the real nation resides among the freedom-loving people of France. The situation invites invasion. What better day to strike than on such a day! Or what better day to make it plain to the expectant people of France and of all Europe that if not on July 14, on the immediate days following we will march, millions-strong, upon the new Bastille which encompasses a whole Continent.

All will not begin and end on Bastille Day. It serves as the generator of even greater rebellion, as the spark for revolt. We can expect the sullen resistance of France to burst forth into more overt action, to mount in a greater crescendo. They are waiting, and fighting. They are our advance guard, our guerrillas beyond the front lines.

Labor and the people, on both sides of the Atlantic, want not a moment's delay in launching that invasion. Our nations have given their solemn pledge, and will not be panicked by the rearward action of the Fifth Column and the defeatists. We have pledged our honor, our resources and our lives to invade Europe. We shall not fail. We must not fail to take advantage of the great opportunity now offered to us to strike immediately.

## Bennett Protests Too Much

"SUPPORTERS" of Attorney-General John J. Bennett yesterday published a lengthy editorial in the New York Times seeking to establish that Mr. Bennett was a pre-Pearl Harbor, 100 per cent pro-Roosevelt anti-fascist and friend of labor.

The first impression of this sea of words was that Mr. Bennett's "friends" doth protest too much. Had he been a liberal it might not have been necessary at this late date to haul out of the dusty files excerpts from obscure speeches. Bennett's record on liberalism has apparently failed to impress such individuals and groups as:

The New York State C.I.O.;  
The American Labor Party;  
Senator Wagner;  
Representative Michael Kennedy;  
Governor Lehman  
and

President Roosevelt.

One looks in vain through the lengthy advertisement for mention of the fascist Coughlin and his eastern representative, Edward Lodge Curran. Was this omission due perhaps to the fact that Mr. Bennett was closely associated with the pro-fascist Curran and on November 30, 1936 presided over a Brooklyn Academy of Music meeting where Curran openly mobilized support for Hitler's stooge, the Franco dictator?

The statement is also unaccountably silent on the vicious injunction gotten by the Attorney-General against the A. F. of L. Newsdealers' Union in their strike last winter. He then used the State anti-trust law, charging the union with being a "monopoly." Perhaps Mr. Bennett's "friends" would care to further discuss that in another full page advertisement.

Yesterday's Times also failed to discuss Mr. Bennett's attack on the American Labor Party made in Buffalo August 23, 1938. Progressive labor in this state has helped to elect President Roosevelt, Governor Lehman and Mayor LaGuardia through the instrumentality of the American Labor Party. The pro-Roosevelt forces have always collaborated with the A.L.P. No one can be a genuine supporter of the Roosevelt Administration who is hostile to independent labor political action. On that account alone Mr. Bennett would rule himself out of reckoning as a candidate for Governor.

Mr. Bennett's record on all these points is significant. Labor of New York has rejected him and will continue to work for a candidate of the Lehman, Mead, Poletti type, around whom the New Deal and labor forces can unite on a program for Victory in 1942 through the opening of a second land front in Europe.

Give Loyal Italian-Americans Jobs  
In War Plants, Cacchione Urges

The following is the conclusion of an article by City Councilman Peter V. Cacchione, begun in the Daily Worker yesterday, on the role of Italian-Americans in our war effort.

By Peter V. Cacchione

As long as these fascist agents (selected by the FBI and later released) are allowed to remain free to carry out their slimy underhand attacks against our country, there is the danger that a mere handful can cause a great deal of sabotage, and thus the enemies of the Italian people can use this as an argument for the evacuation of all Italian non-citizens. If all precautionary steps are taken by the Department of Justice, and then there comes a necessity for such evacuations, the Italian-American people will, themselves, be more than willing to respond to any request of the Government.

There is another vital problem that faces a large number of non-citizens among the Italian-Americans. As the industries are being converted to wartime production, more and more non-citizens are los-

ing their jobs because citizenship is one of the requirements for work in war plants. Our Government must find a solution for this problem.

## VAST LABOR RESERVE

The majority of these non-citizens who have already lost their positions and are losing them have been loyal to America. Moreover, they are able and willing workers. Our Government should avail itself of this vast manpower. The Italians are primarily an agricultural people and are good farm workers. Sections of our country are experiencing a great farm labor shortage. Our Government could advance a program which would utilize these non-citizens and their families by moving them into the agricultural areas and thus place them in necessary war production work.

The Italian people have made constant contributions to America from the first day that Columbus discovered the new world. They contributed to the colonization of America, to the Revolutionary War, to the War of 1812 and the Civil War. They have made their share



## CHANGE THE WORLD

A Powerful Soviet Film  
That Shows the True Face  
Of the Hitlerite Killers

By MIKE GOLD

UNDER heavy fire, at peril of her life, a young Soviet nurse crawls into a shellhole and binds up the wounds of a Nazi officer. As she turns her back to go, he tries to shoot her. But a wounded Red Army man lying nearby is quicker and plunks the ungrateful beast first. And you cheer as you see the Nazi die.

This episode in a Soviet film now playing at the Stanley theatre is typical. The film was intended to fill its audiences with murderous loathing of time's foulest abortion, the Nazi soldier.

Yet it is based on truth. Steinbeck's faty and ephesian day-dreaming contains very little of the truth.

The Russians know the Nazis, and how nothing you put into a film against them can approach the horror of the reality.

The answer to Steinbeck is not this Soviet film, but the Czechoslovak town of Lidice. Here the Nazis murdered, by official command, every male inhabitant. They wiped out a city. Steinbeck makes Nazi officers sly and Hamletize as they shoot a mere handful of people. But the Nazis bragged about Lidice. And a week later they assassinated another such town. It is a deliberate Nazi policy.

We cannot understand this war unless we first understand the sub-human character of the German who has had his soul removed by a Nazi surgeon and has been converted into a willing cog in the machine of Nazi horror and conquest.

Now and then I still meet Americans who have lost all faith in the German people, and want the whole nation destroyed at the end of this war.

It is a natural enough reaction as one reads the daily news and shudders over the Himalayas of world misery that the Nazis has created.

But it is a grave mistake to lose sight of the actual facts of this war. We cannot afford to make a single step even against Hitler and Japan.

Even if a million Germans hated Hitler, even if a thousand hated him, we would have to learn how to use them.

But the fact is that many millions in Germany hate the Nazi setup. The proof of this lies in the solid fact that Hitler has to maintain an army of more than a million to subdue this opposition. He has his regiments of Gestapo spies, of Storm Troopers, of special military police, of ordinary police, of spies, provocateurs, etc., etc.—a huge and efficient army the like of which the world has never known.

Germany is as much a subject and conquered land as Poland or Czechoslovakia.

And how do we know what hate stirs this people? How do we know that they will not rise at the signal like all the other conquered peoples of Europe?

It is very likely that literally millions of Nazi spies, soldiers and officials will be executed by outraged Europe at the end of this conflict.

It will be only the justice the Nazis deserve. But Germans will be the executioners of these beasts, fighting beside Czechs, Ukrainians, Poles, Jews, and Frenchmen.

Don't forget that. Let us work with this military fact. Let us open the second front in Europe. It is the signal the peoples are waiting for.

William Masselos piano recital, WNYC 4 P.M. . . . The Nature of the Enemy, WABC 8:30 P.M. . . . Supreme Court Justice Hugo L. Black addresses Win-the-War rally, WOR 9:30 P.M. . . . Bastille Day Address, Interior Secretary Harold Ickes, WABC 10:30 P.M.

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NAT LOW

## Keeping Up with Our Correspondence Story of Five Negro Fighters

Dear Nat Low:  
Don't know what you'd call this, an article, or maybe just a little musing on the typewriter—which is a hell of a way to start anything. The point is I just passed a fine apartment house on Sugar Hill. In the kitchen of a ground floor apartment I saw Ray Robinson eating. Watching him were Gus Levine, Danny Cox, and Al Linton. These names are well known to followers of amateur boxing, and Ray is known to all. I couldn't help thinking of the time a few years ago when these four—and Buddy Moore, were starting out. What hopes and plans these five Negro boys must have had! They were going to be champs and that meant money, better food, better houses, a slight rest from jim-crow, an escape from poverty. Buddy Moore was the golden boy then, "the second Joe Louis," a Golden Glove champ who bore a close resemblance to the great Louis. It was only a question then whether Buddy should turn pro before or after he graduated from De Witt Clinton. Buddy the coming champ—who had a hernia and sank into oblivion after a few pro fights, and defeat. Recently Buddy made a comeback, he held the new golden boy, Jimmy Corolla to a draw. Jimmy the Golden Glove sensation who some people said was ready to fight Louis now. If Buddy held him to a draw you can be sure he won't the heat and build up is on for Corolla.

If Buddy went out of the picture, Ray Robinson, Danny Cox, and Gus Levine—the little Jewish-Negro boy—came up to the spotlight. Al Linton, who is now Robinson's secretary, was a fighter who always lost close fights, a married man—father of several kids—Al just couldn't make it. Dapper Danny Cox is a smartly dressed light heavy. A fine boxer, Danny should have lived in the woods for a time to build himself up: compared to other fighters of his weight he is frail. But Danny spent a lot of time around the ring, he's won a few fights, lost a few. Danny has been fighting men twenty and thirty pounds heavier than he is, he's been picking up bouts on a day's notice—stopping too many punches. Cox is a flashy boxer, a good puncher—he might go a long way if he handled right, and if he takes the game seriously. Going along the way he is now, Glamour Boy Danny is going to end up just another fighter.

Gus Levine is a swell little fighter. He and Ray are great pals—whenever Ray fights you'll see Levine on the card. He lacks Cox's grace and Ray's punch, but Gus can make himself a nice piece of change if he keeps at it.

So far, the only one to reach the golden rainbow, the big money, has been the Driftwood Kid, Ray Robinson, who used to hunt wood along the streets to heat his cold mean Harlem flat, Ray who took his mother out of a laundry and made fifty grand in a year, Robinson the skinny six foot welterweight with a wallop in either mitt, Ray who's boxing is fast, flashy, arrogant, and smart—a great fighter. A tap dancer who hasn't reached twenty, Ray will be champ and make a lot of money. I hope Ray's mother sells some of it away for him.

There you have it, five young fellows who dreamed of fighting their way out of the Harlem ghetto, tried to get out the hard way—the prize ring racket. Sugar Robinson hit the jackpot, but the others are still kids, conditions are greatly improved for Negro boxers around the big cities—due to Louis' greatness: let's hope they hit. Even if they do, for every Robinson who makes the big money, there's a million who have to learn and struggle, learn that they can only rise with the mass, with the working class they are a part of—and that million has to fight too, a battle as hard, as fast and scientific as any fighter in the ring.

DICK STACY.

David Lurie, DAILY WORKER Pittsburgh correspondent, and unfortunately a die-hard Pirate fan from 'way back (incidentally, have the Pirates EVER won a pennant?) writes to tell us of the splendid turnout at Forbes Field last week for the Army-Navy Relief Fund.

Dear Low:  
Before Rodney went into the army, in the very first week of the season I wrote that Pittsburgh was the team to watch this year. Imagine my embarrassment as the season developed, especially since everyone here who is a regular reader of the DW sports page panned me for putting us Pirate rooters out on a limb.

But this time, I write about the Pirates, and it is a pleasure to do so. Since it is about something which has already happened, I'm taking no chances.

The Pirates beat Philadelphia 9-0 last night, staging a whirlwind finish by getting one run in the seventh and eight runs in their half of the eighth, with goose eggs for both teams in all the other innings. But that's not so much—even Pittsburgh ought to beat the Phils.

The point of this letter is that there was the biggest crowd of the season so far, 29,488, at Forbes Field last night and the reason for that is that it was the Army-Navy relief fund game. Pittsburghers just got through jamming the Pitt Stadium for six successive nights—a total of 280,000 people—to see the Army War Show. Now they packed Forbes Field with an attendance which is bettered only by the Dodger-Giant relief game in the National League and which is far better than any relief game in the American League.

The Army and Navy will get \$38,306.31 out of last night's game. Even if we won't beat Brooklyn or St. Louis for the pennant—even if we won't get into the first division this year—Pittsburgh fans did all right by the boys in the services especially considering that the game was not such a big attraction in itself—after all, it was a game with the Phils.

DAVID LURIE.

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# STARTING THURSDAY--A MEMORABLE SERIES TO SMASH JIM CROW

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By Nat Low

The fight to end Jim Crow in the major leagues was begun six years ago by the sports page of the DAILY WORKER. The campaign started modestly enough, but through the unstinting, tireless efforts of this paper, the struggle won the support of thousands upon thousands of people throughout the country.

This summer, the campaign has assumed greater proportions than ever. To date over 1,000,000 men and women, organized in the mighty trade unions of our nation, have petitioned Judge K. M. Landis to lift the ban. The voices of those who have spoken out against the ban have risen clearer and louder in recent months.

This great campaign is part of the whole general fight of the Negro people for equality, and full participation in the life of the country. And just as the fight to end Jim Crow in industry is producing results, and victories, and may soon be climaxed by greater victories, so the campaign in baseball may soon produce the victory that has so long been fought for.

It is with this thought in mind that the DAILY WORKER sports page takes pleasure in announcing a series of articles which we think will hasten the end of Jim Crow in baseball. THIS YEAR!

## Has Your Union Wired Landis?

Have you written to Judge Landis yet calling upon him to lift the ban on Negro baseball players in the big leagues? Do it now, and do it often. Landis himself admitted that the campaign of the DAILY WORKER has made itself keenly felt. The ban can be broken if more thousands of letters, wires and petitions are rushed to Landis at 333 N. Michigan Ave. in Chicago.

Get your union to do it, get your friends to do it. The ban must be and can be lifted this season.



JUDGE LANDIS

Starting on Thursday July 16, we will present to the baseball public, and to the managers and magnates of the 16 big league clubs, the 25 leading Negro baseball players in America.

In this exclusive series we will print photographs of the stars, their ages, height and weight.

Together with these facts will be the records of these stars. Pitching, batting averages, home runs, etc., etc. And in each article we ARE GOING TO SUGGEST THE MAJOR LEAGUE TEAM THEY CAN STAR ON RIGHT NOW and we are going to mail the article to the team mentioned.

In this way we hope to be able to bring the Negro stars closer to the major league managers and prepare the day for their being signed to big league contracts.

Among the great Negro stars we will present are Josh Gibson, great catcher of the Homestead Grays and called by Walter Johnson, "the greatest catcher in baseball"; Bill Wright, outfielder of the Baltimore Elite Giants; Ed Stone, slugging outfielder of the Newark Eagles; Leon Day, Roy Campanella, Willy Wells, Bill Byrd, Sammy Hughes, John Stanley, Dave Barnhill, Buck Leonard, Ray Brown, Barney Brown, Terrence MacDuffie, Sammy Bankhead and of course, the magnificent Satchel Paige, and many, many others. IT STARTS THURSDAY JULY 16... A DAY TO REMEMBER!

# SPORTS DAILY WORKER SPORTS

NEW YORK, TUESDAY, JULY 14, 1942

## Archer Goes After 24th Tonight

Freddie Archer, ranking welterweight challenger from Newark, N. J. goes after his 24th straight victory to night at the Queensboro Arena in Long Island City when he clashes with Danny Kaplow, hard punching Bronx youngster, in the feature bout of 10 rounds.

Archer has been ranked along with Ray Robinson, Young Kid McCoy, Marty Servo, and Garvey Young as the leading contenders for Freddie "Red" Cochrane's 147-pound crown. The Newark lad is undefeated in over a year during which time he has won from Norman Rubio, Beau Jack (twice), Terry Young, Cleo Shans, and Carlos Malacara.

Kaplow, who is under the management of Joe Gould, showed good form in his recent victories over George Martin of Boston and Lee Wright of Los Angeles. He floored Martin for a nine count in the first round of their scrap at the Queensboro. Kaplow has been boxing only eighteen months but already boasts of a mighty good professional record, having won 30 out of 32 bouts.

Although Archer rules a 7 to 5 favorite for tonight's contest, many of the betting fraternity are taking the odds that manager Gould's few proteges registers a knockout.

A large delegation of Newark fans have made reservations and a capacity throng is expected by Promoters Marty Cohen and Bill Heydon.

Herbie Kronowitz, promising East

## Joe Louis -- I'm Interested In Being a Good Soldier



KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 13 (UP)—Corporal Joe Louis Barrow was back with his cavalry unit at Fort Riley today after spending a quiet week-end here.

Joe spent most of his week-end in the Passco service men's club where he was free from the autograph seekers who follow him wherever he goes. He did, however, find time for a round of golf and fired a 74 over the tough Swope Park layout.

Joe said that he guessed the army was taking the snap out of his golf swing but a friend attributed this to modesty. His score, 9 over par, indicated that he still is far from a duffer.

Joe had a much harder time with cards than he had with his golf game. He whiffed away several hours playing casino with Miss Marie Locke, an assistant of the service club, and failed to win a game. Miss Locke said that Joe might be the best in the world with his fists but that he couldn't play casino.

The heavyweight champion said that he didn't know anything about a return match with Billy Conn. "I am interested, right now, in trying to be a good soldier," Joe said.

## STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE				NATIONAL LEAGUE			
	W.	L.	Pct.		W.	L.	Pct.
New York	33	25	.564	Brooklyn	36	22	.619
Boston	48	32	.600	St. Louis	47	30	.610
Cleveland	40	36	.526	Cincinnati	44	37	.543
Detroit	45	41	.523	New York	42	40	.512
St. Louis	40	43	.482	Chicago	40	44	.476
Chicago	34	45	.430	Pittsburgh	37	41	.474
Philadelphia	35	54	.393	Boston	36	50	.419
Washington	29	54	.349	Philadelphia	21	58	.266

(Not including yesterday's games)

## SCORES

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## Yanks Nose Tigers 4-3; Rolfe Homers

It was Goofy against Dizzy at Yankee Stadium yesterday, but when the game ended, New York's Goofy Gomez had outlasted Detroit's Dizzy Trout. The score, New York 4, Detroit 3, gave the Yanks a 2 to 1 edge over their visiting opponents.

Rolfe's home run, his first of the season, was the margin of victory. It was Gomez's first complete game of the year, and the slim left-hander gave only four hits, striking out seven.

Gomez was wild in the first. He walked McCoskey, hit Cramer on the arm with a pitched ball, threw a wild pitch to Higgins, then walked him filling the bases. To make things worse, Dickey muffed York's high foul, but Rudy popped out. Gomez then walked Ross, forcing in McCoskey, before he retired the side.

DIMaggio led off the second with a single to center for his 10th consecutive daily hit. With Gordon at bat, Trout pitched out, trapping DIMaggio between first and second. But Tebbetts threw wild past second, DIMaggio reaching the base safely. Gordon then doubled to left scoring DIMaggio.

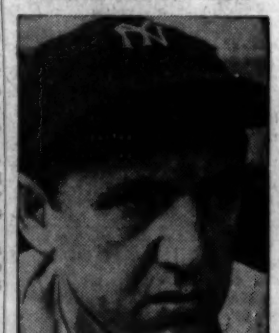
Trout filled the bases in the fourth on two walks and Gordon's second hit, but got away with no score. In the fifth he walked Hassett and Rolfe hit his first homer of the year to right. Hendrick then walked and came home on an infield out and Gordon's third hit, a double to center.

Three successive singles by Tebbetts, pinch-hitter Ned Harris and Hitchcock, followed by a force play and a fly, gave the Tigers two runs in the seventh.

Gordon led off the eighth with a single and Rolfe walked. Rizzuto sacrificed, but Gomez and Hassett hit into force plays.



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